

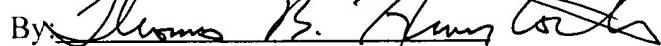
REMARKS

Within the Office Action, the Claims 1-109 have been subject to an election requirement. The Applicants elect group I without traverse on the ground that group II is not patentably distinct from group I. By way of the above amendment, Claims 76-93 have been withdrawn without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to reinstate Claims 76-93 as soon as a generic claim is held to be allowable. Therefore, Claims 1-75 and 93-104 are now pending in this application and Claims 1-75 and 93-104 all read on the elected group.

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP

By: 

Thomas B. Haverstock

Reg. No. 32,571

Attorneys for Applicants

Dated: 1-12-07

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8(a))
I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP.

Date: 1-12-07 By: 